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Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
445 Twelfth Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Please set a fair VRS rate that encourages VRS providers to:

- 1) to offer VRS service to the 90% of the Deaf people who currently lack VRS.
- 2) to train more interpreters so that there will be an adequate number of qualified interpreters for VRS.
- 3) improve VRS technology to provide reliable 24/7 and 911 services.

Cutting the VRS rate would severely impact the quality of VRS, which I rely on for my communication needs.

Respectfully, PHOEBET.

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Ms. Sheila Palmer 752 N. Pointe Dr. Twin Falls, ID 83301-3285 RE: CG Docket No. 03-128

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